IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl.Misc. No.24746-M of 2007
Date of Decision:- 06.07.2007

Sohan Lal ....Petitioner(s)

through
Mr.Satnam Singh Gill, Advocate

vs.

State of Punjab ....Respondent(s)

through
Mr.Rajesh Bhardwaj, DAG, Punjab.

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CORAM:-HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SURYA KANT.

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1) Whether Reporters of the local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2) To be referred to the Reporters or not?
3) Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

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SURYA KANT, J. (ORAL)

The prayer in this petition is to release the petitioner on regular bail in case F.I.R.No.49 dated 20.3.2005 under Sections 18/61/85 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station City, Rajpura.

As per the allegations the petitioner was found in conscious possession of the contraband of commercial quantity.

The petitioner, however, is in custody since 20.3.2005.

It is stated by Mr.Bhardwaj, learned DAG, Punjab on instructions that two prosecution witnesses have already been examined whereas the remaining witnesses are likely to be examined on 6.8.2007 i.e. the date fixed before the Special Court. The Investigating Officer of the case is stated to have expired.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties and having regard to the plea raised, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the learned

Special Court to make an endeavour to conclude the trial proceedings as early as possible and preferably on or before 31.12.2007.

July 06, 2007 **(SURYA KANT)**
poonam **JUDGE**